

SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following is the official programme for the President's reception on New Year's Day: At 11 A. M. the President will receive the Vice President, the members of the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, the members of the International American Monetary Conference, and the members of the American International Railway Conference.

At 11:15 A. M.—The Chief Justice, the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Judges of the United States Court of Claims, and the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

At 11:25 A. M.—Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the judicial officers of the District, ex-members of the Cabinet, and ex-Ministers of the United States.

At 11:40 A. M.—The officers of the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps.

At 12 M.—The Regents and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Civil Service Commissioners, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Assistant Secretaries of the Departments, the Assistant Postmasters General, the Solicitor General, the Assistant Attorneys General, the Commissioner of Labor, the heads of the bureaux of the several Departments, and the president and officers of the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

At 12:15 P. M.—The Associated Veterans of the War of 1840, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion, and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia.

At 12:35 P. M.—Reception of citizens, which will terminate at 2 P. M.

Carriages will approach the Executive Mansion by the eastern gate and leave by the western. Pedestrians will approach the mansion by the western gate and leave by the eastern. The President will be assisted by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Morton, and the ladies of the Cabinet.

The Vice President and Mrs. Morton will receive on New Year's Day, from 12 o'clock M. until 2 o'clock P. M., at their residence, 1500 Rhode Island avenue, as follows: The members of the Cabinet and the members of the Diplomatic Corps, International Monetary Conference, and the American International Railway Conference, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the judges of the United States Court of Claims and the judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and the officials of those courts, Senators and Representatives in Congress and the officers of both Houses, the officers of the Army and Navy and the Marine Corps, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and other Federal and District officials. From 2 to 3 a general reception will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Somerville have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Christina, and Capt. William M. Somerville, on Wednesday evening, at 737 Thirteenth street.

Miss Cynthia Cleveland will receive on New Year's Day at 807 Twelfth street, assisted by Mrs. Emily L. Sherwood, Coyne Fletcher, and Miss Anne Coleman, after 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cahill's reception to the members of the American Historical Association will take place on Tuesday afternoon, from 4 to 6.

Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren has sent out cards for a tea on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her son, Mr. Eric Dahlgren, and his bride, née Drexel.

Mrs. Charles Hayes, of No. 426 New Jersey avenue southeast, has sent out cards for a reception on Tuesday, from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabell have issued cards for Tuesday evening, from 4 to 6, to meet the members of the American Historical Society.

Mrs. Chester Bell, of England, who is staying at Jackson's, on Connecticut avenue, will receive her friends on Saturdays.

Miss Daisy Garland has issued invitations for a german at her father's house on Rhode Island avenue New Year's night.

Mrs. W. F. Mattingly, of No. 1616 H street, gives a dance for young people to-morrow night, from 7 until 10:30 o'clock.

The marriage of Miss Beck, daughter of Capt. Beck, of the Army, and Dr. Philip Wales will take place in January.

Mrs. William Thompson Harris, of No. 17381 street, will be at home to her friends on Thursdays after January 1.

Mrs. Philip E. Chapin will be at home on Wednesday afternoon, and she will keep Wednesdays in January.

Ex-Surgeon General and Mrs. Moore will entertain Cardinal Gibbons at an evening reception to-morrow.

The Dancing Class will have their second meeting on Tuesday evening at the National Rifles' Armory.

Mrs. James M. Carlisle has issued cards for Monday evening for a dance in honor of Miss Gildersleeve.

A ball will be given on New Year's night at the Buckingham to the guests of the house and their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cropper will give a tea to-morrow, from 4 to 7 o'clock, at their residence on M street.

Miss Hoyle, the artist, has out invitations for a dancing party on Friday at her studio in Vernon Row.

Mrs. and Miss Farquhar will be at home to their friends on Tuesdays throughout the season.

Miss Sarah Lee Wood and Lieut. Lewis Nixon, of the Navy, are to be married early in the season.

Mrs. Hammond, of Belmont, will be at home to her friends on Tuesday afternoons in January.

On Friday evening the Bowling Club will give a grand ball at the National Rifles' Armory.

Miss Florence Miller will give a luncheon on Tuesday in honor of Miss Knox, of New York.

Mrs. Charles Gibson will begin her Tuesday receptions on January 6 at the Shoreham.

Mrs. Alex Magruder has issued invitations for a dinner party on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Commodore Skerrett will not receive on Mondays until after the holidays.

Miss Julia Edie receives her friends on Sundays after 4 o'clock.

Miss Ernest's dancing reception will come off on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Leiter has sent out cards for a dance on Friday night.

Mrs. Justice Blatchford will not receive to-morrow.

Invitations have been received here for the approaching marriage of Mr. Ernest W. Fill, of this city, and Miss Lucy M. Schoonmaker, of Springfield, Mass. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday evening, January 6, at the home of the bride. Mr. Fill is well known in Washington. His parents still reside here, and a number of his family and intimate friends will make the journey to Springfield to be present at the ceremony.

The American Historical Association will be entertained Tuesday afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock, by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cabell, who have invited a number of friends to meet them. Mrs. Cabell will be assisted by Mrs. Leo Knott, Mrs. William Earle, Mrs. Tennis Hamlin, Mrs. Gen. Cilley, Mrs. E. H. Walworth, Mrs. A. Howard Clark, and Miss Cabell will have with her Miss Nicolay and Miss Stetson.

The following named ladies of the Congressional circle at the Elmsmere will receive on Tuesday, the 6th, and on Tuesday, the 27th of January, and also on the last Tuesday before Lent, reserving the remaining Tuesdays during the season for paying visits: Mrs. Burrows, of Michigan; Mrs. Townsend, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Townsend, of California; Mrs. Perkins, of Kansas, and Mrs. Wilkinson, of Louisiana.

The German Club, chartered by Mrs. Senator Faulkner, Mrs. Senator Daniel, Mrs. Commissioner McDonald, Mrs. Estes G. Rathbone, Mrs. Capt. Haycock, and Mrs. Heaven, and which promises to be one of the social successes of the season, will meet for the first time at Mrs. Dyer's Dancing Academy, 1617 R street, on January 5, from 9 P. M. until 1.

The German Club will hold its first meeting at Mrs. Tarbell Dyer's dancing academy, No. 1517 R street, on Monday, January 5, from 9 P. M. until 1 A. M. The chaperones of this new organization are Mrs. Senator Daniel, Mrs. Senator Faulkner, Mrs. Estes G. Rathbone, Mrs. Commissioner McDonald, and Mrs. Heaven.

At Lincoln Hall on Monday evening, January 5, there will be a special performance for the benefit of the Associated Charities. Morton's comedy of "Speed the Plough" is now being rehearsed by a group of young men and women, who are anxious to lend a hand for charity's sake.

The invitations for the Bowling Club Assembly dance and cotillon are issued in the names of Miss Dahlgren and Miss Edie, the former having been the original organizer of the club. The dance will take place on Friday evening, at 9 o'clock, at the National Rifles' Armory.

Ex-Secretary and Mrs. McCullough and Miss Mary McCullough will receive their friends on New Year's Day at their residence, 913 Fifteenth street, after 12:30. Mrs. McCullough will receive on Wednesdays after 4 o'clock throughout the season.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mattie G. Gillis, daughter of Mr. B. W. Gillis, of this city, and Mr. Charles E. Doyle, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The ceremony will take place in Wednesday evening in the Church of the Incarnation at 7 o'clock.

The first dancing reception and cotillon of the Assembly-German takes place to-morrow evening in the National Rifles' Armory. This will be an assembly from 8:30 to 11 o'clock, when the regular german will commence.

The marriage of Mr. Charles Blake, of Frederick, Md., and Miss Mamie Hammond, of Maryland, will take place on Monday, January 5, at the home of the bride. Both parties are well known in this city.

The second dancing party of the Social Assembly will take place on Monday, January 5, at the National Rifles' Armory. They are among the most enjoyable dancing gatherings of the year.

The ladies of the National Hotel will not begin their formal receptions until the second Monday in January. There are a number of Congressional families living at this comfortable hotel.

Miss Lillian A. Norton, of 2021 Massachusetts avenue, will receive on New Year's at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, 1409 New York avenue.

Invitations are out for Professor Sheldon's annual class masquerade, to take place next Friday evening. This will no doubt be a delightful affair.

Mrs. Simon Wolf will receive on New Year's Day, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Gotthold, of New York, and Miss Wolf, at No. 1125 Fifth street.

The Garfield Sewing Circle will meet next Friday, at 10:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Simon Wolf, 1125 Fifth street.

Mrs. and Miss Skerrett will not receive January 5, but will resume their Mondays on January 6.

Miss Annie Coleman will receive on New Year's Day at 807 Twelfth street, after 3 P. M.

Mrs. Emily L. Sherwood will receive on New Year's Day at 807 Twelfth street, after 3 P. M.

Mrs. Herbert G. Ogden, of 1324 Nineteenth street, will be at home Saturdays in January.

Coyne Fletcher will receive on New Year's Day at 807 Twelfth street, after 3 P. M.

Miss Addie Larriek, of Winchester, Va., is the guest of the Misses Walker, of Vermont avenue.

Mrs. Morton gave a dancing party last night for her young daughters and their school-girl friends.

Miss Fannie White, daughter of Mr. George H. B. White, is spending the holidays in Boston.

The Misses Hardee, of Savannah, are the guests of Miss Stoddard, of Sixteenth street.

Mr. Harry B. Fry, of the United Press, and Mrs. Fry are visiting relatives in York, Pa.

Miss Hockaday entertained a party of young lady friends at a luncheon yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Draper and Mrs. Slocomb, of New York, are at the Arno for the winter.

Miss Eleanor Bigelow, of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of Miss Helen P. Hill.

Miss Lily Carr is spending the holidays with her mother at the Langham.

Judge and Mrs. MacArthur will leave for Florida early next month.

Senator and Mrs. Dixon will return from Rhode Island to-morrow.

The Misses Rhineclander, of New York, are at the Shoreham.

Miss Louise Libbey is spending her holidays in the city.

Mrs. Gen. Bragg is back from the South.

The Potomac Relief Corps, (W. R. C.) auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., were inspected on Monday night by the national inspector, Mrs. Read, of Boston, Mass. The corps was out in large numbers. Fourteen candidates for membership were initiated. After the inspection a reception was held and ice cream and cakes served. Many comrades appeared at the reception, and Clara Barton was, as usual, the member whom all delight to honor. A vote of thanks was passed by the corps to the merchants, business men, citizens, and indeed all who contributed time, material, or service to render the late carnival such a triumphant success, for it now appears that twelve hundred dollars is the surplus above expenses, instead of one thousand, as before reported. One hundred dollars was donated to the G. A. R. for Christmas expenses to the department needy ones, and one hundred to furnishing a room in the National Home for the Army Nurses and Widows in Ohio. Mrs. Read, inspector, paid the corps many compliments, and expressed herself as greatly satisfied with its record of work.

Miss Anna Davidge was presented to society at an afternoon tea on Tuesday at the residence of her father, Mr. Walter Davidge. The spacious mansion was beautifully and lavishly adorned with growing plants and cut flowers. Weber's Band furnished the music. The debutante presented a charming picture in her pretty gown of white and blue silk. The ladies assisting were Miss Phoenix, in blue and white striped silk; Miss May Cox, in gray crepe; Miss Blackstone, of Cumberland, in heliotrope silk; Miss Victoria Emory, in white silk; Miss Lowery, in white, with trimmings of scarlet velvet; Miss Fleming, in light-brown silk, combined with crepe; Miss Washington, aunt of the debutante, in gray and black silk. Miss Maud Davidge was beautifully attired in white silk figured in delicate rose color.

Two handsome balls were given on Friday night. Both were in honor of debutantes, and they were notably handsome entertainments. That of Mrs. and Miss Phoenix was in honor of their young cousin, Miss May Cox, daughter of Judge Walter Cox. The Phoenix residence on H street was put in gala trim for the occasion. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. A handsome supper was served. At Mrs. Leiter's Miss Pauline Leiter, the debutante, assisted Mrs. and Miss Leiter to receive the brilliant throng of guests. The spacious mansion was ablaze with lights, and most lavishly adorned with growing plants and cut flowers. The young people enjoyed the dancing until the "wee sma' hours."

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnston gave a handsome tea at their K-street home on Monday to introduce their eldest daughter, Miss Mary Johnston. The ladies assisting were Mrs. Hackett, Miss May Cox, Miss Anna Brooke, and Miss Edie. Mrs. Johnston received the guests, presenting them in turn to her debutante daughter, who was prettily attired in red china silk, flowered in white. She held a large bunch of mixed roses, and on a table was a mass of lovely bouquets—the gifts of friends and admirers to the attractive debutant.

The marriage ceremony of Miss Belle M. Ryan and Mr. Thomas H. Milton took place on Monday at the home of the bride's parents, on Eighth street. The marriage was witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the high contracting parties. Rev. S. H. Greene, of the Calvary Baptist Church, tied the knot. There were no bridesmaids. Mr. J. S. Milton, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saville, who have been at the Gramercy since October, have left for Thomasville, Ga., and St. Augustine, Florida, where they expect to spend the winter and spring. They were accompanied by their younger daughter, Katherine—their elder daughter remaining here at Mrs. Somers' school.

Mrs. Gen. Custer returned to New York early in the week. After the holidays Mrs. Calhoun will accompany Mrs. Custer to this city, and the former will give a recitation at the G. A. R. reunion. Mrs. Calhoun is the widow of an officer who fell in the Custer massacre.

Mrs. George D. Todd and daughters are located at Jackson's, on Connecticut avenue. Their house on Jefferson Place is occupied by Mrs. and Miss Janney of Baltimore. The marriage of Miss Janney and Mr. Paul Andrews will take place before Ash Wednesday.

On Monday evening Dr. and Mrs. Hammond entertained a company of young people at a dinner in honor of Miss Ulrica Dahlgren and her fiancé, Mr. Josiah Pierce. Among the guests were Miss Pannecote, Miss Taylor, Lieut. Alger, and Comte de Chambrun.

Captain and Mrs. Charles Campbell returned from their wedding journey in time to spend Christmas Day with their relatives in this city. The newly-wedded pair will reside with Mrs. Archibald Campbell on De Sales street.

Mrs. Charles Porter, who has just arrived from Fort Niobrara, will spend the season in this city with her parents, Col. Wilkins, of the Army, and Mrs. Wilkins, of No. 1923 G street.

Mrs. W. H. B. Ramsay, of 705 Fifth street northwest, has with her as holiday guests her sisters, Mrs. Liebtog and Miss Duffey, of Ohio.

Judge and Mrs. Edmunds will leave for the Pacific Coast about January 10, to be absent until spring.

Mr. Dulany Hunter, who has been living in England for the past two years, has returned to the city.

Representative and Mrs. Royburn have taken the house of Judge John Davis on Connecticut avenue.

Mrs. Don Cameron has returned from New York and is at her residence in Lafayette Square.

Mrs. Louise Hilliard Patterson is established for the winter at the Buckingham.

Naval Constructor Pook is located for the winter at 1813 Nineteenth street.

Mrs. John R. Hill and the Misses Hill are located on N street, Georgetown.

Miss Warfield is the guest of Mrs. Payne, wife of Col. James G. Payne.

Lieut. John T. Honeycutt is at No. 2002 R street for a brief stay.

Miss Alice Hutchinson has returned from her trip to Albany, N. Y.

Miss Perrine, of California, is the guest of Mrs. Senator Hearst.

Colonel and Mrs. Nickerson are in Washington for the winter.

Miss Alice Everett is spending the holidays in West Virginia.

Miss Emma Jean Wilson is at 1837 I street.

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